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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MARCH 10 MEETING (SALT TWO-551)

1. MUCH OF THE THEME OF MY STATEMENT TODAY ON OUR ARTICLE III WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT WE WERE STICKING STRICTLY TO THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING, WHILE THE SOVIET DRAFT, WITH RESPECT TO ITS BAN ON ASMS ON AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS, INCLUSION OF ASMS "OF ANY

TYPE" IN AGGREGATE AND "ADDITIONAL CONSTRAINTS (IN SOVIET DRAFT) THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY LIMIT FREEDOM-TO-MIX" BEYOND LIMITATIONS DERIVED FROM PROVISIONS OF INTERIM AGREEMENT CARRIED OVER INTO NEW AGREEMENT, WAS GOING BEYOND VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING OR WAS NOT CONSISTENT THEREWITH.

2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT WAS ON "RESTRAINT" AND, WHILE HE MENTIONED ARTICLE VIII OF SOVIET DRAFT, (ASMS ON AIRCRAFT OTHER THAN BOMBERS), HE DWELT ONLY ON THE FIRST TWO ITEMS IN ARTICLE IX, THAT IS ICCMS AND SEA-BASED CRUISE MISSILES.

3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION SEMENOV JUSTIFIED THEIR POSITION ON THESE ITEMS BY REFERRING TO INCLUSION OF "RESTRAINT" IN VARIOUS

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RE, WHICH HE SAID IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO IMPLEMENT ALONG WITH ALL OTHER ITEMS IN AIDE-MEMOIRE. I SAID I WAS NOT REJECTING DISCUSSION OF OTHER ITEMS, BUT THOSE HE HAD SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED, THAT IS ICCMS AND SEA-BASED CRUISE MISSILES, BUT VIEWS WE HAD EXPRESSED ON THESE IN PREVIOUS YEARS WAS IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT AND I WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS THEM AT THIS TIME. I SAID THAT, AS I HAD NOTED IN MY STATEMENT TODAY, OUR DRAFT FOCUSED ON, AND I FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE CENTRAL ISSUES IN THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING. I SAID THAT, WHILE TAKING ACCOUNT OF PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE, I THOUGHT WE COULD AGREE THAT IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT MATTERS WHICH WERE CONTRARY TO THE VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDINGS, OR HAD BEEN DISCUSSED THERE AND DISCARDED, NOT BE RE-INTRODUCED INTO OUR NEGOTIATIONS HERE.

4. FOR MOST PART OTHER BILATERALS FOLLOWED SAME GENERAL LINE. HOWEVER, SHCHUKIN IN PARTICULAR, EXPRESSED CONCERN TO MAY THAT OUR DRAFT ENTIRELY LEFT OUR CRUISE MISSILES.

5. NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MORNING. SEMENOV TOLD ME THAT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON HE WANTED PRIVATELY TO DISCUSS WITH ME MATTERS THAT I RAISED WITH HIM ON MARCH 5 ON ORGANIZATION OF OUR FUTURE WORK.

6. NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE TODAY. JOHNSON

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